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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS ON THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

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1. OPANAL SECRETARY-GENERAL, AMBASSADOR GROS ESPIELL, CALLED ON CHARGE TO DISCUSS A VARIETY OF DEVELOPMENTS IN OPANAL, INCLUDING THE VENEZUELAN ATTITUDE TOWARD OPANAL, ADHERENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION TO PROTOCOL II, AND POSSIBLE OVERLAP BETWEEN OPANAL AND THE INTER-AMERICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION (IANEC).

2. GROS ESPIELL WAS VERY ENCOURAGED BY PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD DISCUSSED THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO DURING THE VENEZUELAN CHIEF'S STATE VISIT. ON JUNE 30, GROS ESPIELL SENT A LETTER TO VENEZUELAN FONMIN ESCOVAR URGING THAT VENEZUELA AND THE

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US COOPERATE IN STRENGTHENING THE TREATY. HE ASKED THE CHARGE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CARTER-PEREZ TALKS AS THEY RELATED TO OPANAL

3. GROS ESPIELL HAD TALKED WITH FONSEC DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, SUBSEQUENT TO THE LATTER'S MEETING WITH ASST. SEC. MAYNES AND AMBASSADOR LEONARD, USUN, ON JUNE 27. GROS ESPIELL

IS CONCERNED, AS IS GONZALEZ GALVEZ, ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OVERLAP AND/OR CONFLICT OF FUNCTIONS BETWEEN IANEC AND OPANAL (ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT OPANAL WILL BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE AREA OF PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY). GROS ESPIELL DID NOT SEEM AS CONDEMNING OF IANEC, AS APPARENTLY DID GONZALEZ GALVEZ, POINTING OUT THAT NOT ALL MEMBERS ARE AS CONVINCED AS MEXICO ABOUT THE IN-EFFECTIVENESS OF IANEC. GROS ESPIELL STATED THAT HE HOPES TO WORK TOWARD A CLEARER COORDINATION AND/OR DELINEATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN OPANAL AND IANEC IN THE FORTH-COMING IANEC MEETING IN LIMA IN JULY.

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING SOVIETS AND CUBANS INVOLVED IN OPANAL, GROS OFFERED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. GROS WAS HOPEFUL OF A SOVIET CHANGE IN ATTITUDE BECAUSE OF TWO EVENTS - THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAD DISCUSSED PROTOCOL II WITH GROMYKO AT THE GENEVA TALKS, AND THAT THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAD RECENTLY CALLED ON GROS TO REQUEST ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE US SIGNING OF PROTOCOL I AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN OPANAL. THE SOVIET EMBOFF STATED HE HAD COME ON INSTRUCTIONS OF MOSCOW.

B. THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR HAD APPROACHED GROS FOR INFORMATION ON THE US SIGNING OF PROTOCOL I, PARTICULARLY IF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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US HAD EXEMPTED ANY TERRITORY FROM PROTOCOL I COVERAGE. SINCE THEN, THE OPANAL GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED GROS TO ASK THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO PASS THE MESSAGE TO HAVANA THAT OPANAL HOPES THE US SIGNING WAS A POSITIVE ENOUGH DEVELOPMENT TO CAUSE THE CUBANS TO RECONSIDER THEIR REFUSAL TO SIGN. GROS THEN INTENDS TO VISIT HAVANA IN AUGUST FOR DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER WITH FONMIN RODRIQUEZ.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ON CARTER-PEREZ EXCHANGES RE OPANAL THAT COULD BE PASSED ON TO AMBASSADOR GROS. ALSO EMBASSY WOULD LIKE SOME BACKGROUND ON WHAT TRANSPIRED IN RELATION TO IANEC AT THE OAS GA IN GRENADA SINCE THE US AND MEXICO WERE IN SOME APPARENT DIS-AGREEMENT ON THE IANEC ALTHOUGH BOTH THE US AND MEXICO SEEM TO BE IN AGREEMENT ON THE IANEC'S INEFFECTIVENESS. THOMPSON

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